Monuments of Honor.

Deriued from remarkable Artiquity, and Celebrated in the Honorable City of *London*, at the ſole Munificent charge and expences of the Right Worthy and Worſhipfull Fraternity, of the Eminent MERCHANT-TAYLORS.

Directed in their moſt affectionate Loue, at the *Confirmation of their right Worthy Brother* IOHN GORE in the High Office of His *Maieſties Lieutenant ouer this His Royall* Chamber.

Expreſſing in a Magnificent Tryumph, all the Pageants, *Chariots of Glory*, *Temples of Honor*, *beſides a* ſpecious and goodly Sea Tryumph, as well particularly to the Honor of the City, as generally to the Glory of this our Kingdome.

Inuented and Written by Iohn Webſter Merchant-Taylor.

------Non norunt hæc monumenta mori.

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TO THE RIGHT

VVorthy Deſeruer of this ſo Noble

a Ceremony this Day Confirde vpon
Him, IOHN GORE Lord Maior
and Chancelor of the renowned
City of *London*.

MY Worthy Lord, theſe preſentmentes which were intēded principally for your Honor, and for Illuſtrating the worth of that worthy Corporatiō (whereof you are a Member) come now humbly to kiſſe your Lordſhips handes; and to preſent the Inuentor of them to that ſeruice, which (my ability expreſt in this) may call me to (vnder your Lordſhips fa-

uor) to you, do you honor, and the City ſeruice in the quality of a Scholler: aſſuring your Lordſhip, I ſhall neuer either to your eare, or table preſſe vnmannerly, or impertinently. My indeuours this way haue receiued grace, and alowance from your worthy brothers (that were ſupervitors of the coſt of theſe Tryumphs) & my hope is, that they ſhall ſtand no leſſe reſpected in your eye, nor vnder valued in your worthy Iudgement: which fauours done to one borne free of your Company, and your ſeruant; ſhall euer be acknowledged by him, ſtands interreſted

To your Lordſhip in all duty,

IOHN WEBSTER.

Monu-

Monuments of Honor.

I Could in this my Preface (by as great light of Learning as any formerly imployed, in this seruice) can attaine, to deliuer to You the Original and cause of all Tryumphes, their excessiue cost in the Time of the *Romans*: I could likewise with so Noble Amplification make a suruey of the worth, and glory of the Triumphs of the precedent times in this Honorable City of *London*: That were my work of a bigger bulke, they should remaine to all Posterity: but both my Pen, and ability this way are confin'd in too narrow a Circle: Nor haue I space enough in this so short a Volume to expresse onely with rough lines, and a faint shadow (as the Painters phrase is) First the great care and alacrity of the right Worshipful the Master and Wardens, and the rest of the selected and Industrious Com-

mitees; both for the curious and iudging election of the Subiect, for the present Spectacles; and next that the working or mechanicke part of it might be answerable to the Invention: Leauing therefore these worthy Gentlemen to the embraces, and thankes of the right Honorable and worthy Preton, and my selfe vnder the shaddow of their Creſt, (which is a safe one) for 'tis the Holy Lambe in the Sunne-beames: I do present to all modest and indifferent Iudges these my present endeavours.

I fashioned for the more amplefying the shew vpon the water two Eminent Spectacles, in maner of a Sea-Triumph. The first furnisht with fower Persons; In the front *Oceanus* and *Thetis*, behind them, *Themesis* and *Medway*: the two riuers on whom the Lord Mayor extends his power, as farre as from *Staines* to *Rochester*. The other shew is of a faire Terrestiall Globe, Circled about in conuenient Seates, with seauen of our most famous Nauigators: as, Sr. *Francis Drake*, Sr. *Iohn Haukins*, Sr. *Martine Furbisher*, Sr. *Humfery Gilbert*, Captaine *Thomas Cauendish*, Captaine *Christopher Carlile*, and Captaine *Iohn Dauis*. The conceite of this Deuice to be, that in regard the two Riuers pay due Tribut of waters to the Seas. *Oceanus* in gratefull recompence returnes the memory of these seauen worthy Captaines, who haue made *England* so famous in remotest partes of the world. These two spectacles, at my Lord Maiors taking water at the *Three Cranes*, aproaching my

Lords

Lords *Barge*: after a peale of Sea-thunder from the other side the water; these speeches betweene *Oceanus* and *Thetis* follow.

Oceanus *and* Thetis.

Thetis.

WHat braue Sea Musicke bids vs welcome, harke!
Sure this is Venice, *and the day Saint* Marke,
In which the Duke *and* Senate, *their course hold:*
To wed our Empire *with a Ring of Gold.*

Oceanus.

No Thetis, *we are mistaken, we are led*
With infinite delight from the Lands head:
In kenn of goodly shipping and yon bridge,
Venice *had neare the like survey that ridge,*
Of stately buildings which the siluer Hem,
And grace the siluer streame, as the streame them:
That beautious seate is London *so much fam'd,*
where any Nauigable Sea is nam'd;
And in that bottome Eminent Marchants plac't,
As rich, and venturous as euer grac't,
Venice *or* Europe, *these two Riuers heare,*
Our followers may tell you where we are;
This Thamesis, *that* Mid-way *who are sent,*
To you most worthy Prætor to present,
Acknowledgment of duty neare shall err,
From Staines *vnto the Antient* Rochester;
And now to grace their Tryumph in respect,
These pay vs tribute, we are pleas'd to select

Seuen

Seuen worthy Nauigators one by name,
Seated beneath this Globe; whose ample fame
In the remoteſt part a the earth is found,
And ſome of them haue circled the Globe round:
Theſe you obſerue are liuing in your eye,
And ſo they ought, for worthy men neare dye:
Drake, Hawkins, Furbiſher, Gilbert, *braue Knights,*
That brought home gold, and honor from ſea fights,
Candiſh, Carlile, *and* Dauis, *and to theſe,*
So many worthies I could adde at Seas,
Of this bold Nation, it would enuy ſtrike,
Ith' reſt ath' world, who cannot ſhew the like;
Tis action valews honor as the flint,
Looke blacke and ſeeles like ice, yet from within's,
Their are ſtrooke ſparkes which to the darkeſt nights,
Yeeld quicke and perſing food for ſeuerall lights.

Thetis.

You haue quit Enuy well my memory, and now
Of this your graceſull Tryumph I allow,
Honor *lookes cleare and ſpreads her beames at large,*
From the graue Senate ſeated in that Barge,
Rich Lading ſwell your bottomes, a bleſt Gale,
Follow your Ventures that they neuer faile;
And may you liue ſucceſſfuely to weare,
The loy of this day, each man his whole yeare.

This Shew hauing tendred this ſeruice to my Lord vppon the Water, is after to be conueyed a Shore, and in conuenient place employd for adorning

ning the reſt of the Triumph. After my Lord Maiors landing, and comming paſt *Paules* Chaine, there firſt attends for his Honor in *Pauls* Church-yarde, a beautifull Spectacle, called the *Temple of Honor*, the Pillars of which are bound about with Roſes, and other beautifull Flowers, which ſhoot vp to the adorning of the Kings Maieſties Armes on the top of the Temple.

In the higheſt ſeate a Perſon repreſenting *Troynouant* or the City, in throned in rich Habilaments, beneath her as admiring her peace and felicity, ſit fiue eminent Cities, as *Antwerpe*, *Paris*, *Rome*, *Venice* and *Conſtantinople*: vnder theſe ſit fiue famous Schollers and Poets of this our Kingdome, as Sir *Ieffery Chaucer*, the learned *Gower*, the excellent *Iohn Lidgate*, the ſharpe witted Sr. *Thomas Moore*, and laſt as worthy both Souldier and Scholler, Sir *Phillip Sidney*, theſe being Celebrators of honor, and the perſeruers both of the names of men, and memories of Cities aboue, to poſterity.

I preſent riding afore this *Temple*, *Henry de Royall*, the firſt Pilgrime or Gatherer of quartridge for this Company; and *Iohn of Teacksley*, King *Edward* the thirds Pavillion maker, who purchaſt our Hall in the ſixt yeare of the aforeſayd Kings gouernment: Theſe liued in *Edward* the firſts time likewiſe, (in the ſixt of whoſe Raigne, this Company was confirmed a Guild or Corporation by the name of Taylors, and Linnin Armores, with power to chooſe a Maiſter and Wardens at Midſomer)

theſe are decently habited and hooded according to the ancient manner: My Lord is heere ſaluted with two Speeches, firſt by *Troynouant* in theſe lines following.

The ſpeech of Troynouant.

HIſtory, Truth, and Vertue ſpeke by name,
To celebrate the Merchant-Taylors *fame;*
That Henry de Royall, *this wee call*
Worthy Iohn Yeackſley *purchaſt firſt their Hall;*
And thus from low beginnings their oft-ſprings
Societies claime Brother-hoods of Kings.
I Troynovant *plac't eminent in the eye*
Of theſe admire at my felicity:
Fiue Cities, Antwerpe *and the ſpacious* Paris,
Rome, Venice, *and the* Turkes Metropilis:
Beneath theſe, fiue learned Poets worthy men,
Who do eternize braue acts by their pen;
Chaucer, Gower, Lidgate, Moore *and for our time*
Sr. Phillip Sidney, *glory of our clime,*
Theſe beyond death a fame to Monarckes giue,
And theſe make Cities and Societies liue.

The next deliuered by him, repreſents Sir *Phillip Sidney.*

TO Honor by our Wrightings worthy men,
Flowes as a duty from a iudging pen,
And when we are emploid in ſuch ſweet praiſe,
Bees ſwarme and leaue their honey on our bayes:
Euermore Muſically Verſes runne,
When the loth'd vaine of flattery they ſhun.

Surney,

Survey most Noble Prætor what succeedes,
Vertue low bred aspiring to high deedes.

These passing on, in the next place, my Lord is incountred with the person of S. *Iohn Hawkwood* in compleate Armour, his plume and Feather for his Horses shafforne of the Companies colours, white and Watchet: this worthy Knight, did most worthy seruice, in the time of *Edward* the third in *France*, after serued as Generall.

Diuers Princes of *Italy*, went to the Holy-land, and in his returne backe, dyed at *Florence*, and there lyes buried with a faire Monument ouer him: This worthy Gentleman was Free of our Company; and thus I prepare him to giue my Lord entertainment.

Sir *Iohn Hawkwoods* Speech.

MY birth was meane, yet my deseruings grew
To eminence, and in France *a high pitch flew,*
From a poore common Souldier I attaind,
The stile of Captaine, and then Knight-hood gaind;
Serud the Blacke Prince *in* France *in all his warrs;*
Then went i' the Holy-land, thence brought my scars.
And wearied body which no danger feard.
To Florence *where it nobly lyes Inteerd,*
There Sir Iohn Hawkewoods *memory doth liue,*
And to the Merchant-Taylors *fame doth giue.*

After him followes a Triumphant *Charios* with the

Armes of the Merchant-Taylors, colored and guilt in seueral places of it, and ouer it, there is supported for a Cannopy, a rich and very spatious Pauillion, coloured Crimson, with a Lyon Passant: this is drawne with fower horses, (for Porters would haue made it moue tottering and Improperly.) In the *Chariot* I place for the honor of the Company (of which Records remaine in the Hall:) Eight Famous Kings of this Land, that haue bin free of this Worshipfull Company.

First the Victorious *Edward* the Third, that first quartered the Armes of *France* with *England*, next the Munificent *Richard* the Second, that kept Ten-Thousand daily in his Court in *Checkróule*, By him the Graue and discreet *Henry* the *Fourth*, in the next Chayres the Scourge and Terrour of *France*, *Henry* the Fifth, and by him his religious, though vnfortunate Sonne, *Henry* the sixt: the two next Chayres are supplied with the Persons of the Amarous and Personable *Edward* the Fourth (for so *Phillip Comminews*, and Sir *Thomas Moore* describe him) the other with the bad man, but the good King, *Richard* the third, for so the Lawes he made in his short Gouernment doe Illustrate him; But lastly in the most Eminent part of the *Chariot* I place the wise and politique *Henry* the Seauenth, houlding the Charter by which the Company was Improued from the Title of Linin-Armorers into the name of Master and Wardens of Merchant-Taylors of Saint *Iohn Baptist*. The Chayres of these

Kings

Kings that were of the Houſe of *Lancaſter* are garniſht with artificiall Red Roſes, the reſt with white, but the Vniter of the deuiſion and houſes, *Henry* the Seauenth, both with White and Red, from whence his Royall Maieſty now raigning tooke his *Motto*: for one peice of his Coyne, *Henricus roſas regna Iacobus.*

The ſpeaker in this *Pageant* is *Edward* the third, the laſt Line of his ſpeech is repeated by all the reſt in the *Chariot.*

Edward the Third.

VIew whence the Merchanttaylors honor ſprings
From this moſt Royall Conuenticle of Kings:
Eight that Succeſſiuely wore Englands *Crowne*
Held it a ſpeciall honor, and renowne:
(The Society was ſo worthy, and ſo good)
T'vnite themſelues into their Brotherhood.
Thus Time, and Induſtry attaine the priſe,
As Seas from Brookes, as brookes from Hillocks riſe;
Let all good men this ſentence oft repeate,
By vnity the ſmalleſt things grow great.

The Kings.

By vnity the ſmalleſt things grow great.

And this repetition was proper, for it is the Companies Motto: *Concordia parvæ res creſcunt.*

After this Pageant rides Queene *Anne*, wife to *Richard* the ſecond, free likewiſe of this Company,

nor let it seeme strange, for besides her, there were two Dutchesse, fiue Countesses, and two Barronnesses free of this Society, seuenteene Princes and Dukes, one Arch-bishop, one and thirty Earles, (besides those made with Noble Prince) *Henry*, one Vicount, twenty foure Bishops, sixty six Barons, seuen Abbotts, seuen priors or subprior, and with Prince *Henry* in the yeare 1607. the Duke of *Linox*, the Earles of *Nottingham, Suffolke, Arundel, Oxford, Worcester, Pembrooke, Essex, Northampton, Salisbury, Montgomery*, the Earle of *Perth*, Vicount *Cranborne*: Barons, the Lord *Euers*, *Hunsden*, *Hayes*, *Borley*, Mr. *Howard*, Mr. *Sheffield*, Sir *Iohn Harrinton*, Sir *Thomas Chaliner*, besides States of the Low-Countries, and Sir *Noel Caroone* their Legier Embassadour.

And in regard our Company are stild Brethren of the Fraternity of St. *Iohn Baptist*, and that the ancient Knights of St. *Iohn of Ierusalem*, (to which now demolisht House in St. *Iohns* Streete, our Company then vsing to go to offer, it is recorded *Henry* the seuenth then accompaning them, gaue our Mr. the vpper hand,) because these Knights, I say, were instituted to secure the way for Pilgrimes; in the desert, I present therefore two of the Worthiest Brothers of this Society of St. *Iohn Baptist* I can find out in Hystory. The first *Amade le Grande*, by whose ayde *Rhodes* was recouered from the *Turkes*, and the order of Anuntiade or Salutation instituted with that of foure letters F E R T, signifying

nifying, *Fortitudo Eius Rhodum Tenuit*; and the other of *Mounsieur Iean Vilet*, who defended *Malta* from the *Turkes* inuation, and expeld them from that impregnable Key of Christendome this stild, Great Maister of *Malta*, that Gouernour of *Rhodes*.

Next I bring our two Sea Tryumphs, and after that, the Shippe called the *Holy-Lambe*, which brings hanging in her Shrowdes the Golden-Fleece, the conceite of this being that God is the Guide and Protector of all Prosperous Ventures.

To second this, follow the two beasts, the Lyon and Cammell proper to the Armes of the Company; on the Camell rides a *Turke*, such as vse to Trauaile with Carauans, and one the Lyon a Moore or wild *Numidian*.

The fourth eminent Pagiant, I call the *Monument of Charity* and *Learning*, this fashioned like a beautifull Garden with all kind of flowers, at the foure Corners, foure artificiall Bird Cages, with variety of Birds in them: this for the beauty of the Flowers, and melody of the Birds, to represent a Spring in Winter: in the middest of the Garden, vnder one Elme-tree, sits the famous and worthy Patriot Sir *Thomas White*; who had a dreame that hee should build a Colledge where two bodies of an Elme sprang from one roote, and beeing inspired to it by God, first rod to *Cambridge*, to see if he could find any such, Failing of it there,

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went to Oxford and furueighing all the grounds, in and neere the Vniuerſity, at laſt in Gloſter-Hall-garden, he found one that ſomewhat reſembled it, vpon which he reſolued to endow it with larger reuenew, and to increaſe the foundation, hauing ſet men at worke vpon it, and riding one day out at the North-Gate at Oxford, he ſpied on his right hand the ſelfe ſame Elme had bin figurd him in his dreame, wherevpon he giues o're his former purpoſe, of ſo amply inlarging Gloſter-Hall (yet not without a large exhibition to it) purchaſes the ground where the Elme ſtood: and in the ſame place built the Colledge of *Saint Iohn Baptiſt*, and to this day the Elme growes in the Garden, carefully preſerued; as beeing vnder God a motiue to their worthy foundation.

This I haue heard Fellowes of the Houſe of approued credit, and no way ſuperſtitiouſly giuen, affirme to haue bin deliuered from man to man, ſince the firſt building of it, and that Sir *Thomas White* inuiting the Abbot of *Oſnye* to dinner in the aforeſayd Hall, In the Abbots preſence, and the hearing of diuers other graue perſons affirm'd by Gods Inſpiration in the former receited maner, he built and endowed the Colledge.

This relation is ſomwhat with the largeſt, only to giue you better light of the figure: the cheife perſon in this is, Sir *Thomas White*, ſitting in his Eminent Habit of Lord Maior, on the one hand ſits *Charity* with a Pellican on her head, on the other

Learning

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Learning with a booke in one hand, and a Lawrel Wreath in the other, behind him is the Colledge of St. *Iohn Baptist* in *Oxford* exactly modeld, two Cornets which for more pleasure answere one and another interchangably, and round about the Pageant sit twelue of the foure and twentie Cities, (for more would haue ouer-burthened it) to which this worthy Gentleman hath beene a charitable Benefactor: when my Lord approaches to the front of this peece: *Learning* humbles her selfe to him in these ensuing verses.

The Speech of Learning.

TO expresse what happinesse the Country yeilds,
The Poets faign'd Heauen in th'Elizian fields;
We figure here a Garden, fresh and new,
In which the chiefest of our blessings grew:
This worthy Patriot here, Sr. Thomas White,
Whilst he was liuing had a dreame one night,
He had built a Colledge and giuen liuing too't,
Where two Elme-bodies sprang vp from on root;
And as he dreamt, most certaine tis he found,
The Elme neare Oxford, *and vpon that Ground,*
Built Saint Iohns *Colledge, Truth can testifie*
His merrit, whilst his Faith and Charity
Was the true compasse, measur'd euery part,
And tooke the latitude of his Christian heart;
Faith kept the center, Charity walkt this round,
Vntill a true circumference was found;

And may the Impreſſion of this figure ſtrike,
Each worthy Senator to do the like.

The laſt, I call the *Monument of Gratitude*, which thus dilates it ſelfe.

Vppon an Artificiall Rocke, ſet with mother of Pearle, and ſuch other precious ſtones, as are found in quarries, are placed foure curious Paramids charged with the Princes Armes, the three Feathers, which by day yeeld a glorious ſhew, and by night a more goodly, for they haue lights in them, that at ſuch time as my Lord Maior returnes from *Pauls*, ſhall make certaine ouals and ſquares, reſemble pretious ſtones, the Rocke expreſſes the riches of the Kingdome Prince *Henry* was borne Heire to, the Piramids, which are Monuments for the Dead, that hee is deceaſed: on the top of this reſts halfe a Celeſtiall Globe, in the middeſt of this hangs the Holy Lambe in the Sun-beames, on either ſide of theſe, an Angell, vpon a pedeſtall of gold ſtands the figure of Prince *Henry* with his Coronet, George and Garter; in his left hand hee holds a Circklet of Crimſon Veluet, charged with foure Holy Lambes, ſuch as our Company chooſe Maſters with; in ſeuerall Cants beneath ſits, firſt Magiſtracy tending a Bee Hiue, to expreſſe his Grauety in Youth, and forward induſtry to haue proued an abſolute Gouernour: Next Liberality, by her a Dromedary ſhewing his ſpeed and alacrety in gratifying his Followers: Nauigation with a *Iacobs* Staffe and Compaſſe, expreſſing that his de-

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ſire that his reading that way, might in time grow to the practicke & building, to that purpoſe one of the goodlieſt Ships was euer launcht in the Riuer: in the next Vnanimity with a Chaplet of Lyllies, in her lap a ſheafe of Arrowes, ſhewing he loued Nobility, and Communalty with an intire heart. Next *Induſtry* on a hill where Antes are whording vp Corne, expreſſing his forward inclination to all Noble exercife: Next *Chaſtity*, by her a Vnicorne, ſhewing it is guide to all other vertues, and cleares the Fountaine head from all poyſon: *Iuſtice* with her properties: Then *Obedience*, by her an Elephant the ſtrongeſt Beaſt, but moſt obſeruant to man of any Creature: Then *Peace* ſleeping vpon a Canon, alluding to the eternall Peace he now poſſeſſes: *Fortitude* a Pillar in one hand, a Serpent wreath'd about the other, to expect his height of minde, and the expectation of an vndaunted reſolution. Theſe twelue thus ſeated, I figure *Loyalty* as well ſworne Seruant to this City, as to this Company, and at my Lord Maiors comming from *Pauls*, and going downe *wood-ſtreete*, *Amade le Graunde* deliuers this Speech vnto him.

The Speech of Amade le Graunde.

OF all the Triumphs which your eye has view'd
This the fayre Monument of Gratitud;
This cheefly ſhould your eye, and eare Imploy
That was of al your Brother-hood *the Ioy*,
Worthy Prince Henry *famies beſt preſident*,
Cald to a higher Court of Parliament,

In his full strength of Youth and height of blood,
And which Crownd all, when he was truely good:
On Vertue, and on Worth he still was throwing
Most bounteous shewers, where e'e he found them growing,
He neuer did disguise his wayes by Art
But shooted his intents vnto his hart,
And lou'd to do good, more for goodnesse sake,
Then any retribution man could make.
Such was this Prince, such are the noble hearts;
who when they dye, yet dye not in all parts:
But from the Integrety *of a Braue mind,*
Leaue a most Cleere and Eminent Fame behind.
Thus hath this Iewell not quite lost his Ray,
Only cas'd vp 'gainst a more glorious day.
And bee't remembred that our Company
Haue not forgot him who ought ner'e to dye:
Yet, wherfore should our sorrow giue him dead,
When a new Phœnix *springs vp in his stead:*
That as he seconds them in euery grace,
May second him in Brother-hood, *and place.*
Good rest my Lord, Integrity *that keeps*
The safest Watch and breeds the soundest sleeps.
Make the last day of this your houlding feste,
Ioyfull as this, or rather more compleate.

I could, a more curious and Elaborate way haue expreſt my ſelfe in theſe my endeauors, but to haue bin rather too teadious in my Speeches, or too Weighty, might haue troubled my Noble Lord, and puſled the vnderſtanding of the Common People; ſuffice it, I hope 'tis well, and if it pleaſe his Lordſhip, and my Worſhip Imployers, I am amply ſatisfied.

FINIS.